Seiznre of 510 kg. Hashish in Delhi

2612. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hashish weighing 510 kg. worth Rs. 5 crores was seized in Delhi in the first week of June, 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the seizure made and number of gang members arrested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): <a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the night of 5/6 June, 1985 a Pakistani national Abdul Latif was apprehended by the Delhi Police near New Subzimcmdi, Azadpur and 45 kgs. refined Hashish were recovered from him. On further interrogation and clues provided by him, additional 465 kgs. of refined hashish was recovered.

National Transport Board

@@2613. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a National Transportation Board to co-ordinate various modes of transport in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what measures Government propose to take to co-ordinate and integrate planning, development aspects of various modes of transport in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING. (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) NO* Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Planning Commission is concerned with investment in the transportation sector with a view to achieving coordinated development of various modes of transport at minimum cost to the economy. It is proposed to set up an Inter-Disciplinary Group in the Planning Commission for study the traffic flows and costs on a continuous basis to facilitate inter-modal investment decisions.

Grant of ownership right to tenants in Lajpat Rai Market Delhi

@@2614. SHRI SHAMIM AHMAD SIDDIQL Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to grant ownership rights to the allottees of shops in Lajpat Rai Market in Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when the ownership rights; are likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The Government have not taken a decision in the matter.

Open sale of heroin in Delhi

@2615. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints to the effect that heroin is being openly sold at Palam area and Pahar-ganj in the Capital; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to curb such activities?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY" OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Following steps have been taken by the Delhi Police to curb sale of narcotics in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(i) Raids are conducted to detect the places where heroin/smack is sold.

(ii) Extensive day and night foot and mobile patrolling with walkie-talkie sets is being done,

(iii) Continuous effort$_s$ are made by the Special Squads of the Districts to detect the drug peddler$_s$ by developing intelligence.

(iv) Regular surprise checking of vehicles is organised to detect those involved in such crime.

(v) Intens've action under Dangerous Drug Act against the bad characters and criminals is being taken.

Bills passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly

(2^2616. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHFRJEE; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) the number of labour legislations passed by the West Bengal State Assembly in 1982, 1983 and 1984 that are still awaiting Presidential Assent; and

(b) the reasons for which assent has not been given so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD KHAN): (a) Two.

(b) The issue$_s$ involved are under examination in consultation with the concerned Ministries and the State Government.

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Haj Home in Delhi

@@2f,17. SHRI SHAMIM AHMAD SIDDIQI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Delhi State Haj Committee for setting up Haj Home in Delhi; and

(b) if so what action hag been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Delhi State Haj Committee have indicated to the Government the requirement of accommodation for Haj pd]grim$_s$ departing from Delhi. Accommodation for Haj pilgrims from Bombay has been arranged through private trusts. It is understood that Delhi Sta*e Haj Committee is in touch with the Haj Committee, Bombay in this regard. The Government will consider assisting whenever it can.

Stealing of valuables from th$_e$ victims $_0$f the iH-fated Chhatisgarh Express

@@@2618. SHRI J. P. GOYAL :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :
SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be p'eased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the *Hindustan Times* of 18th June, 1985 regarding stealing of valuables and cash by railway-men from the corpses of the victims of the ill-fated Chattisgarh Express which met with a mishap near Raja Ki Mandi recently; and

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